

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application of: Michael J. Sullivan *et al.*

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For: GOLF BALL CONTAINING GRAPHITE
NANOSHEETS IN A POLYMERIC
NETWORK

Attorney Docket No. B04-06

TERMINAL DISCLAIMER

Commissioner for Patents
PO Box 1450
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Sir:

Petitioner, Troy R. Lester, represents that he is the Assistant Secretary and Chief Patent Counsel for Acushnet Company, the assignee of the entire right, title and interest in and to the instant application by virtue of an assignment from Michael J. Sullivan and Derek A. Ladd to Acushnet Company recorded at reel 015037 and frame 0271.

Petitioner hereby disclaims, except as provided below, the terminal part of the statutory term of any patent granted on the instant application that would extend beyond the expiration date of the full statutory term of U.S. Patent No. 6,802,784 ("prior patent"), as such term is defined in 35 U.S.C. 154 and 173 and presently shortened by any terminal disclaimer. Petitioner hereby agrees that any patent so granted on the instant application shall be enforceable only for and during such period that it and the prior patent are commonly owned. Petitioner further agrees that this agreement is to run with any patent granted on the instant application and is binding upon the grantee, its successors, or assigns.

In making the above disclaimer, Petitioner does not disclaim any terminal part of the term of any patent granted on the instant application that would extend to the expiration date of the full statutory term as defined in 35 U.S.C. 154 and 173 of the prior patent, "as the term of the prior patent is presently shortened by any terminal disclaimer," in the event that the prior patent later:

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Petitioner hereby declares that all statements made herein of his own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon. Statement under 37 CFR 3.73(b) is submitted herewith.

Please charge the terminal disclaimer fee under 37 CFR 1.20(d) to the Acushnet Company Deposit Account No. 502309.

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Respectfully submitted,



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